



By the King.

A Proclamation declaring His Maiesties gracious intention, concerning His Commission lately granted, to enquire of new Offices erected, and new Fees exacted in Courts of Iustice, since *xj^o Elizabethæ*.



Hereas Our late deære and Royall Father', King IAMES of euer blessed and happy memory, out of his Princely care for the good of his people, & out of his Justice to keepe them from exactions & oppressions, was graciously pleased to award a Commission vnder the Great Seale of England, to diuers persons of qualittie & worth, to enquire of, & giue true information to his late Maiesty, what new Offices had been erected in any of his Courts of Justice, either Ecclesiasticall or Tempozall, and when, and by what meanes, and what new Fees had beene exacted or receiued by any Officers, Ministers, or others, of, or in any of those Courts; but departed this life, before any retorne made vnto him of that Service, by whose death also, that Commission, amongst others, was determined.

Now wee, obseruing the Acts of so wise, and so iust a Father, haue thought it fit, for the furtherance of Justice, and auoyding of oppression to Our louing Subjects, to make the like Commission, which wee haue lately done vnder the Great Seale of England, and directed the same to diuers Lords, and others, authorizing and commanding Our sayd Commissioners, diligently to attend that Our Service, and to giue vs a true and perfect Account, and Information of their doings and proceedings therein.

And, to the end that all Our loving Subjects, Whom it may any wayes concerne, may take notice of the sayd Commission, and of Our gracious intention in the granting thereof, and to Whome, and Whither to resort to make their complaints, or to seeke for redresse, wee haue thought fit to publish and declare, and wee doe hereby publish and declare the same, and that Our said Commissioners haue receiued Our expresse Commandement and Charge diligently to attend the execution of the sayd Commission, at such fit place or places, in, or about the Citie of Westminster, as in their discretions shall bee most conuenient, for the access and dispatch of all such as shall resort vnto them to giue them any Information or light, for their better proceeding therein.

And wee doe hereby further declare Our gracious and Royall pleasure, that as on the one side wee would haue no man presume, without iust grounds, to stirre by causelesse complaints against any Court or Office, or against any Judge, Officer or Minister, of, in, or belonging vnto any Court or Office, so on the other side, that no man should be disheartned or discouraged to make known, and prosecute their iust complaints against any, wee being resolved to cary Our selfe equally and indifferently towards all men, Our purpose herein beeing chiefly to redresse such abuses, as shall bee discovered for the ease and reliefe of Our Subjects, and not to make an Inquisition into the errors past, vpon slight or weake grounds, or vncertaine Informations.

Giuen at Our Court at White-Hall, the Twelfth day of October, in the third yeere of Our Reigne, of *England, Scotland, France and Ireland.*

God saue the King.



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to the Kings most Excellent Maiestie.
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